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Granite City, Illinois 62040

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March 26, 1993

Dr. Thomas F. Long
Senior Toxicologist
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Avenue, 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Site; Granite City, IL

Dear Dr. Long:

As you are aware, the U.S. EPA is preparing to remediate the slag and battery case material which was removed from the NL/Taracorp pile over the past several decades. These materials were used for paving alleys, general fill, driveways and parking lots. These locations exist in densely populated areas. Because the dust created by the removal of these materials presents a tremendous hazard, we need to ensure that adequate dust control measures are constantly maintained.


Remedial Project Manager Brad Bradley initially indicated that his visual observations would provide sufficient safety measures. After repeated requests by me to employ hi-vol monitors, Mr. Bradley has agreed to include their use during remediation. However, Mr. Bradley indicated that he would not provide results from the hi-vol samples for review by the City in a timely manner.

In order to ensure the health and safety of the citizens of Granite City, Venice, and Eagle Park Acres, I am requesting that the Illinois Department of Public Health monitor the remediation concurrently with the U.S. EPA. The hand-held total dust detection equipment used by the PRPs during the soil homogenization experiment would determine whether adequate dust control measures are being used during remediation. Because the soil lead levels are up to 50 times higher than those in the homogenization project, it will be necessary to adjust the formula which determines the shut-down point.

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If we had greater confidence in the U.S. EPA, I would not be making this request. We would greatly appreciate your participation on our behalf.

Sincerely yours,


Craig A. Tarpoff, Chairman
Citizens Advisory Committee

cc: Congressman Jerry Costello
Mayor Von Dee Cruse
Brad Bradley, U.S. EPA
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